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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 13, 26 and 30 (marked up version attached in Appendix) and cancel claim 19, such that pending claims 13-18 and 26-30 are as follows:

13. (Thrice Amended) A process for coating particles comprising:

providing an insert within an upward flowing fluid bed dryer or granulator with a screen across the bottom of the dryer or granulator, the insert comprising a vertically adjustable cylindrical partition located substantially on a vertical axis of the granulator or dryer, a spray nozzle with a heated liquid line and an atomizing gas line connected thereto which is positioned such that a liquid is sprayed within the adjustable cylindrical partition at a selected temperature, the spray nozzle being positioned in a non-heat conducting relation to the bottom screen, the spray nozzle being located substantially on the vertical axis;

loading the dryer with a bed of particles;

adjusting the cylindrical partition such that the position of the top of the cylindrical partition is above the bed of particles and product can be removed from the dryer;

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